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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Re: Amendment and Response  
Appl. No.: 08/875,888  
102(e) Date: August 6, 1997  
For: **New Pharmaceutical Composition  
With Anaesthetic Effect**  
Inventor: Brodin, *et al.*  
Atty. Dkt.: ABA300/13003

Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.115;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
3. Our check in the amount of \$870.00 representing the fee for a 3-month extension of time (large entity); and
4. One return post card.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed postpaid post card be stamped with the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that it be returned as soon as possible.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 22-0365. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael A. Sanzo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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